

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending.

Claims 1-51 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-51 of U.S. Patent No. 6,486,431. Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome by the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. A check to cover the requisite fee is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 310-8327.

Please charge any fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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